THE OMAHA DAILY BEE PART ONE THE WEATHER NEWS SECTION Colder PACES 1 TO 12 OMAHA, THURSDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 28, 1918-TWENTY-FOUR PAGES VOL. XLVII.-NO. 219. On Trains, at Hotels, News Stands, Etc., 5c SINGLE COPY TWO CENTS. ETROGRAD IS HELPLESS BEFORE KAISER'S HORDES Caught! LODGE DENOUNCES PRICE **BREAK BETWEEN RUSS CAPITAL TO CENTRAL POWERS** FIXING BY GOVERNMENT FALL EASY PREY **BELIEVED NEAR AS WORK OF AMATEURS TO GERMAN ARMY Dispatch Refers to Meeting Between Emperors and Says** Massachusetts Senator Declares Food and Fuel Administrations There is No Doubt of Soldiers Flatly Refuse to Fight and Declare They Have Have Proven Abject Failures and Profiteering is Serious Conflict. Had Enough of War; Workmen Prepare to Resist, General; Caused Complete Paralysis of Washington, Feb; 27 .- Further evi-But They Are Unorganized and Without dence of the growing strain in re-Railroad Systems of Country. Military Training; Outlook Gloomy. lations between Germany and Austria over the refusal of the latter to partici-Washington, Feb. 27.-Government price-fixing as a method pate in the renewed attack upon Rusof preventing profiteering has proved a failure, Senator Henry London, Feb. 27 .- If special dispatches from Petrograd sia is given in an official dispatch regauge accurately the situation there, the Germans are likely to ceived here today from France. It Cabot Lodge of Massachuetts declared today in giving the senquotes the Austrian premier as formalfind little difficulty in occupying the city with trained troops. ate the conclusions he had drawn from the recent investigations reiterating on February 20 that Russian soldiers frankly refuse to fight and say, "we have of the coal and sugar shortages. Austria-Hungary will take no part in In the case of coal, Senator Lodge said, price-fixing had had enough of fighting. If the Germans come let them take us." military action against Russia or Rou-mania, and will not send her troops only served to curtail production, while the food administra-LUGA IS CAPTURED. tion's price plan for sugar had kept western beet sugar from into Ukrainia. **GERMANY PLANS** Luga, half way between Pskov and the eastern states and in the meantime retoiters of coal and MAY USE VIOLENCE. Petrograd, has been occupied by the The dispatch refers to the meeting sugar had profiteered. Germans. between Emperors Charles and Wil-**TO DOMINATE ALL** A number of British subjects have left Petrograd for home during the last week. The embassies still re-BLAMES AMATEURS. liam, February 22, and says there seems little doubt that a serious con-Blame for the coal shortage Sena-tor Lodge laid to the fuel administra-tion's price-fixing plan, together with railroad difficulties, and the closing order he described as a "complete" VISITOR AT RIG LEGISLATION lict has arisen between the two namain. tions which Germans is determined **CENTRAL EUROPE** The Bolshevik contnue extremely to settle by violent measures if necesbusy engaging men, gathering and shipping arms and supplies and in other defense activities. AT BIG ary. The dispatch follows: confession of impotence and failure." He denounced the fuel administration "Charles I. paid a visit to William II. the 22d of February. Ludendorf British Press Says Von Hert-A dispatch from Moscow says that was present atthe interview. If we OMAHA CLASSIC

as an "unnecessary agency" which was "composed largely of amateurs." The senator dealt in a milder man-ner with the food administration, and, although asserting the fixing the price of sugar was a "mistaken policy" and the sugar famine largely artificial, he added: Motor Car Industry Most Important of All in These

"In justice to Mr. Hoover, he made every effort to get rail distribution and get sugar. How much he was thwarted by the railroad situation

are to judge from the tone of the nterview it must have been lacking in cordiality. There seems to be little doubt but what a serious conflict has broken out during the week between the courts of Vienna and Berlin and which Germany is determined to settle if need be by violent measures.

Distinguishes Policies.



70,000 revolutionary troops have been sent from Moscow toward Bologoie. A German detachment has appeared at Savage, half way between Luga and Pskov. This is the nearest the invaders have approached to Petro-London, Feb. 27.—As far as the British public is concerned the mild words of Count yon Herriing concerned. WORKMEN WILL FIGHT.

and the tangle of priority orders I do not know, but I am certain that if he had been efficiently aided, instead of being crossed by other commissions, there could have been no sugar famine in the eastern states."

Fuel Administration Failure.

Discussing the procedure of the fuel administration, Senator Lodge said:

"They fixed a price which made it impossible to work many mines, frightened the producer and tended to reduce production.

"Not content with this, they also set to work to change the whole system of distribution. No more reckless experiment could have been better caluculated to make railroad difficulties almost insuperable. At a single blow they partially paralyzed all the machinery of distribution. Only ignorance of economic laws could be offered as an excuse.

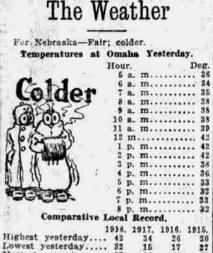
"The result of the fuel administration's policy was to add to the already enormous railroad difficulties by creating chaos in distribution and adding to all this suspense, alarm and uncertainty due to fixing an arbitrary price

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"The system adopted by Mr. Hoover had at least the merit of maintaining production. The system of making a different coal price at each mine was impracticable. Even if they kept prices down, which is purely guess work, they brought a coal famine with this nominal fixed price."

Incompetents in Control. Declaring that he did not believe the railroad problem could not have been solved, Senator Lodge continued:

"But nothing can be more certain than that the policy of the fuel administration, its attempt to substitute a new scheme of disribution, its reckless price fixing, brought on a coal (Continued on Page Two, Column One.)



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C. W. Nash, president of the Nash Motor company and one of the biggest men in the automobile industry, arrived in Omaha Wednesday morning to attend the Omaha auto show. Mr. Nash for many years was the directing genius of the General Motor company, the largest automobile concern in the world. Two years ago he started the Nash Motor company, manufacturing a complete line of motor cars and trucks, and many stu-dents of the automobile business believe that in due time the new Nash firm will rank on equal terms with

Times of War, Says

C. W. Nash.

the General Motor company. "The majority of the people do not realize the importance of the motor

car industry in the present war," said Mr. Nash. "It would be suicidal to attempt to curtail the output of automobiles in the United States. I am confident from conversation with officials in Washington that this is realized and no attempt will be made to reduce motor car production.

Shortage in Army.

"The greatest handicap of the American expeditionary forces in France, was informed in Washington a few days ago, is the shortage of motor transportation. Army officers in charge of transportation in France informed me that the American government was purchasing all of the

French and English cars they could get to relieve this congestion. "Our production of trucks is now largely given to the fulfillment of government orders. We are making (Continued on Page Two, Column Three.)

Man Acts As His Own

Lawyer in Federal Court John Cammack acted as his own lawyer before United States Commissioner Neely to such good effect that he was discharged. He took two cartons of cigarets from an interstate shipment at the Burlington freight station, where he was a trucker.

"The box was under the platform and already broken open and I just went down there and took a couple of cartons of "smokes" and put them under cover and later took them home. I'd like to know where you can make a box car burglary out of that," declared Cammack.

He said he has taken his physical examination for the draft. The commissioner ordered him to report weekly to the United States attorney's office.

"The international situation of the dual monarchy is such that the Vienna government in order to avert a catastrophe has been obliged to distinguish by means of public declarations its own policy from that of Germany. The report that at the con-ferences of February 14, Hertling and Ludendorff had decided to pay no attention to the Russian demobilization conflict on the east front caused a great stir throughout Austria. It was not simply the dissenting nationalities, the Czechs, the Slovenes, or the Poles who do not desire to fight any more, but it is the r ass of the population of German origin who refuse to sacrifice themselves any longer to assure the triumph of Prussian imperialism. "An official note of the 15th had

announced that Austria for her part would continue to consider the war as terminated with Russia and would abstain from taking part in the operations planned by the German command. A second note of the 19th re-peated the same statement. When asked to give further particulars at the sitting of the chamber on the 22d the Austrian premier formally stated: Words Are Inexplicit.

"'The words uttered by different deputies have proved that the explanation which has been furnished up to the present by me, has not been sufficiently explicit. I repeat, therefore, Thirty Officers and Enlisted that Austria-Hungary will participate in no way in the miltary acton which is now being carried on by Germany against Russia. I repeat thatt the armistice exists between Austria-Hungary and Rumania and that we are only considering entering as early as possible into peace conversations with

ths country.' "These declaratons are serious Without a doubt in his speech on the 19th of February, Seydler pleaded his fidelity to the alliance. But more and more Germany runs the risk of seeing Austria, and after her Bulgaria and Turkey take a positive attitude and practically withdrawing from the struggle and witness as spectators the

continuation of hostilities." Many Officials Will Try

To Continue in Office probably of exposure. The four bod-Aurora, Neb., Feb. 26 .- (Special.)-State Representative Perry Reed expects to be a candidate for state senator this year. He will be opposed in the republican primaries by former



(By Associated Press.)

conversation or hope of peace. Th London, Feb. 27 .- Foreign Secre- chancellor's attitude concerning Beltary Balfour, replying today to the gium, said Mr. Balfour, was completespeech of Count von Hertling, the ly unsatisfactory and his lip service to President Wilson's propositions German imperial chancellor, regarding the doctrine of the balance of was not exemplified in German pracpower, said that until German militar- tice.

ism had become a thing of the past, "I am convinced that I should be and until there was in existence a hall, doing an injury to the cause of peace or court, armed with executive powers if I encouraged the idea that there making the weak as safe as the is any use in beginning those verbal strong, it would never be possible to negotiations until something like a ignore the principles underlying the struggle for the balance of power. general agreement is apparent in the distance and until the statesmen of Mr. Balfour told the House of Comall the countries see their way to that mons, which he was addressing, that broad settlement, which, it is my hope, he was unable to find in von Hert-ling's speech any basis for fruitful bled world."

REVOLUTION WILL FIGHT TO DEATH IN DEFENSE OF RUSSIA

and to prepare to begin again the Petrograd Official Statement Announces Kaiser Has Refused to Grant Armistice; Declares Readiness to Sign "Peace Usurpation;" Predicts Revolution in Germany

> London, Feb. 27.-The Russian revolution will defend itself against Germany, says an official Russian statement sent out by wireless, and which announces that Germany has refused to grant an armistice. The announcement reads:

OGERMANS REFUSE ARMISTICE.

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moment news that it has arrived at the place appointed for peace negotiations, but there is no armistice. The German government has formally refused an armistice and German de-**BROKEN TO BITS**

tachments continue to advance. "We are prepared to sign their peace of usurpation. We have al-ready declared this, but there are many indications that the German imperialists do not desire peace at the present moment, but rather an im-mediate strangling of the workmen's and peasants' revolution. "Resistance to the German hordes

thus becomes the principal task of the revolution-brave, heroic, obstinate and pitiless resistance. Every po-Washington, Feb. 27 .- Thirty offisition, every railway station, every locomotive must be defended. Every ers and enlisted men of the naval tug Cherokee are believed to have possible obstacle must be put in the way of the enemy. been lost when the vessel foundered

"Our greatest strength is in our yesterday morning in a fierce gale off wide territories. Enemy detachments Fenwick island lightship, 22 miles still very small, have occupied Reva and Pskov. Even Petrograd itself,

Ten survivors who got away on the which is still far distant, can in no irst life raft were safely landed: four way decide the destiny of the revolufirst life raft were safely landed; four tion other men got away on another raft, but two were washed overboard and

Use Russia's Strength.

"The government of the people's drowned and the other two died, commissaries can, and if needs be must, retreat, must gather its forces and must appeal to the country to use its whole strength for the defense of the revolution. Should the threat (Continued on Page Two, Column Three.)

words of Count von Hertling concerning Germany's pacific intentions and the workmen, from whom, if at all

ling's Peace Talk is Hypoc-

racy in View of New War

on Defenseless Russia.

men of their stock in trade-the plea that Germany is waging a war of selfdefense.

The British press is virtually unanimous in the belief that the whole fight. eastern situation has been cleverly arranged and plotted with a view to man troops appeared the Russian bringing castern and central Europe peasant soldiers, who being peasants, under German domination and for the not industrialists, were interested vital immediate purpose of getting merely in the land question and cared food from the Ukraine.

The most important newspapers which lean toward peace by negotia-tion, notably the Westminster Ga-zette and the Manchester Guardian, "A peace delegation is now on the seem to have undergone a change of way to Brest-Litovsk. We expect any outlook as the result of the events

of the last week. No Hope for Peace.

The Daily News today, although condemning the entente for aiding Von Hertling's argument that the entente, and not Germany, is the real obstacle to peace, because the allies have not jointly formulated war aims, says, in effect, that no hope can be drawn from the chancellor's speech. The evening newspapers see little hope for peace in Van Hertling's speech.

"With what face, one wonders, can (Continued on Page Two, Column Two.)

Army More Peaceful

Than Home, Hubby Says

Martha Dargacewski charged in police court Wednesday morning that her husband, Peter, had urged her to have a previous decree of divorce annulled so that he might return and live with her, and thus claim exemption in the draft. But, she said, that after living a

short time together, he had declared: "The army beats this; there's less fighting over there," and de-serted her forthwith.

Police Judge Fitzgerald asked Peter if he had any witnesses who would dare to say he worked. Peter replied that he did not. He was bound over to district court under \$500 bonds.

War Department Spreads Areas For Training to Prevent Accidents

Washington, Feb. 27.--Immediate | racks, may be facilitated. Recently steps to reduce the number of col- one tree of spruce was felled which lisions by student aviators by spread- 20 feet from the ground and 160 feet ing out the training areas are about in length to the first limb. The tree to be taken by the War department. was split and hauled 15 miles over a

in various directions from the training camps to which the student aviators would fly each day in a previously arranged schedule. It is believed this will eliminate crowding in

however, War department officials feel that the number of accidents have not been unduly large. In order to hasten the government's aircraft program, authority has been given to commandeer spruce in the northwest wherever it may be found.

lie, so that delivery to the govern- are covered with fiber cloth, instead to these tours are in particular dement cut up mill, near Vancouver bar- of the approved linen.

Captured German airplanes brought to this country for study by aviation experts revealed that the Germans are using materials very inferior to the standards set for American planes and apparently are very short of spruce

and linen. The wing beams of the captured German planes were made of thin

pieces, some of them less than an inch in thickness, which had been put to-gether with glue and nails. Specifica-

tions for American planes require a solid beam of the finest and toughest The trees are being split where they spruce. Wings of the German planes devote three or four days or a week

At the afternoon meeting plans will be outlined for the speakers' part in the Liberty Loan drive. The speakers will appear at mass meetings, in churches and elsewhere, where they will co-operate with the four-minute men, whose speaking is confined to

the theaters. Mr. Young has issued a call for volunteer speakers. He wants men who will speak either in their own community or who will tour a county, a district or the state. Men who can mand.

ing freemany's pacific intentions and his partial acceptance of President Wilson's basis for lasting world peace fall upon almost deaf ears. A few weeks, even a few days, ago their reception would have been dif-ferent, but German speech is judged here by German acts. All details of the new war against helpless Russia rob German states-men of their stock in trade-the plea

A division which was supposed to be defending Narva has arrived at Gat-china. Ensign Krylenko protested. They replied they did not intend to

"Immediately the first few Gernothing for the revolution, started eastward in an uncontrollable wave, threatening to sack all the towns on the way.

"The Russian army was Germany's st.ongest weapon. In driving it towards Petrograd they were driving a herd of stampeding cattle which would trample down everything in its way.

Army Like Cattle.

"The revolutionary workmen could have put up a real fight against the Germans, but they could do nothing against the Russian army, which must isappear before the revolution can begin to create any real military force

for itself. The workmen of the towns are eager to fight." Some correspondents describing the bulk of the population as lest in be-wilderment and apathy, think such registance as may be offered will resistance as may be offered will amount to little. They say no amount of talk by the bolshevik leaders can cover the plain facts of the situation. "All sorts of preparations are in progress," says the correspondent of the Daily Express, "One cannot help

thinking, however, that the state of siege in Petrograd will be merely techincal, as Germans, with or without uniforms, are already in the cap-(Continued on Page Two, Column Two.)

THIRD LIBERTY LOAN DRIVE TO **BE STARTED SOON**

Rumblings of preparation for the third Liberty Loan campaign in Omaha and Nebraska are already beginning to be heard. Speakers who will make public talks boosting the campaign are called to meet in the Omaha Chamber of Commerce rooms Luesday afternoon, March 5. Raymond G. Young, director of the speakers, has called the meeting.

Dr. E. E. Violette of Kansas City, director of the speakers' bureau of the Liberty Loan committee of the Federal Reserve bank of Kansas City, will speak at a public affairs luncheon at the Chamber of Commerce on that

was 260 feet long, 15 feet in diameter.

It is planned to lay out flying fields | mountain range to the railroad,

All things taken into consideration,

the air

BEFORE GALE IS

Men Are Believed Drowned

in Wreck Off Dela-

ware Capes.

\$25 Reward

For the arrest and conviction of George Nelson, who has been fraudulently collecting money for subscriptions to The Omaha Bee. He is not, and never has been, an authorized agent for The Bee.

He is dark complexioned, has

brown eyes, is short in stature and

Has been operating in central

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a stylish dresser.

Nebraska.

ies were taken into Philadelphia. The Cherokee formerly was a tug of the Luckenbach steamship line and not long ago was requisitioned by the government. State Representative W. I. Farley.

Sheriff James Howard and County Attorney Whitney will be candidates to succeed themselves.

man, seaman; H. P. Poynter, fireman; R. J. Hall, seaman; C. E. Barker,

chief machinist's mate; R. A. Kozeck, fireman; P. H. Warmack, fireman; A. A. Wailim, oiler; G. L. Gudgel, fire-man; B. F. Brumfield, radio electrician.

The Navy department made public the names of ten survivors landed at Philadelphia. They are: Boatswain E. M. Sennott, U. S. N. R. F., Boston, Mass.; L. P. Acker-

from the Delaware capes.

